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In re the Application of

Kyoji KATO

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Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed May 23, 2001, the period for reply being effectively extended to September 24, 2001, by a Petition for Extension of Time filed herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

✓ IN THE SPECIFICATION:

✓ Page 8, lines 18-25, delete current paragraph and insert therefor:

a' The fluid bearing 40 is essentially formed with a sleeve-like outer race 40a provided on the inner circumferential side of the base cylinder body 12 and held by the stator 2, an inner race 40b formed by the rotor shaft 14, a thrust plate 42 held by the base body 11 for covering the base hole 10 of the base body 11 and simultaneously supporting the movement of the rotor shaft 14 in the thrust direction, and a seal member 43 interposed between the hub 15 and the outer race 40a to face the thrust plate 42.

✓ IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-3 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.